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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Mario ASSENMACHER et al.

Serial No.: 09/309,199

Filing Date: May 10, 1999

For: DIRECT SELECTION OF ANTIGEN-
SPECIFIC T CELLS, COMPOSITIONS
OBTAINED THEREBY AND
METHODS OF USE THEREOF

Examiner: F. VanderVegt

Group Art Unit: 1644

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 7, 2000 (Paper No. 6) for which a response was due on February 7, 2000. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response from February 7, 2000 to May 8, 2000 (May 7, 2000 falls on Sunday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-50), without traverse. Applicants expressly reserve his/her right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the

nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

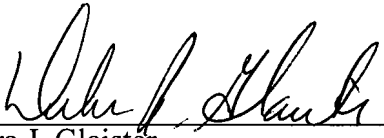
Applicant requests examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 212302000720. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 8, 2000

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